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California State Indian Museum Needs Volunteers

Train to be a Docent this Fall

SACRAMENTO – The California State Indian Museum is looking for volunteers to embark on an exciting and educational journey as State Park docents on weekdays and weekends.

Whether you know very little or a lot about Native California culture and history, you will have the opportunity to learn more and share your knowledge and enthusiasm with museum visitors. Docent training at the California State Indian Museum includes a comprehensive look at California Native culture as well as in-depth study of the art of interpretation.

Typical docent activities include answering visitors' questions, assisting with education programs, demonstrating native skills, participating in teaching skills to the public, conducting research, coordinating special projects, and providing special event support.

Applications are available at www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum or call Connie Mc Gough, 916.324.8112. The deadline to apply is September 8, 2008. Candidates will be interviewed in late September. The six-week training program begins in October and will be held on primarily Sunday afternoons. Training is FREE to selected candidates.

Call now to begin your adventure and join the State Parks team!

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.About the California State Indian Museum

*The California State Indian Museum is operated by California State Parks and supported by the Sacramento Historic Sites Association. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for self-guided tours and school group visits, the museum is located in midtown Sacramento at **2618 K Street on the grounds of Sutter's Fort State Historic Park**. Artifacts on display in the museum include basketry, beadwork, dance regalia and exhibits about the ongoing traditions of various California Native American groups. Renowned exhibits include tiny, one centimeter-sized baskets, an eighteen-foot redwood canoe, and one on Ishi, reputedly the last of the Yahi people. Open daily, the museum hosts special events throughout the year. For more details please call **(916) 324-0971** or visit www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum.*

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